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Modernization Processes in the System of Higher Education and Training

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Abstract:

In this article, the priorities of a radical reform of the higher education system of Uzbekistan in the years of independence, the fact that the socio-economic development of our country depends primarily on the training of educated and mature specialists, the focus is on supporting education, which is the largest investment for New Uzbekistan, on the international positions of Uzbekistan in education rankings, on the changes that have occurred as a result of reforms in the field of higher education, on the adoption of a number of regulatory documents in this regard, on issues of a gradual increase in the level of enrollment in higher education.

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The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Education” and the “National Personnel Training Program” determine the priorities for reforming the system of continuous education, improving the quality of educational work, training competitive personnel, and developing creative abilities in future specialists. Social reforms being implemented in our country are being carried out in stages, including in the field of education. In our republic, legal and regulatory foundations for the sphere of education have been created today, and these issues have been identified as priority areas of state policy. The fact that education and upbringing is of a humanitarian, democratic nature, the continuous implementation of education, the tasks of training competitive personnel in accordance with the requirements of a market economy, are defined in the legal documents related to the field. As well as the modernization of the educational process of higher educational institutions, improving the quality of the system of training specialists, increasing the professional competence of teachers, equipping them with modern professional knowledge, qualifications and skills related to this field, the creative use of scientific and technical innovations, as well as the possibility of solving promising problems development issues are one of the most urgent tasks today.

Along with all the reforms in our country, historical changes in this area are being carried out on the direct initiative and under the leadership of the head of our state. As our President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev states: “There is a wise saying among our people that “upbringing and education begins from the cradle”. Only enlightenment leads a person to maturity, and society to progress”. Therefore, it was emphasized that the state policy in the field of education should be based on the principle of a system of continuous education, that is, education should begin in kindergarten and continue throughout life. In particular, a clear confirmation of our opinion is the Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. DP-4732 "On measures to further improve the system of retraining and advanced training of managers and teachers of higher educational institutions". In particular, attention to the training of highly qualified scientific personnel, that is, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. DP-4907 “On measures to further develop and encourage the activities of academicians of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan” and No. DP-4958 “On further improvement of the system of postgraduate education” and all of us We know very well that the adoption of these Decrees is a practical expression of the care and attention of our country and our President for the younger generation, which is literally of decisive importance for our independent development. It is on the basis of these legal documents that a modern model of education has been formed in our country that fully meets today's requirements, and its effective activity is recognized not only in our country, but also on a global scale.

Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures for the further development of the higher education system" on the fundamental improvement of the higher education system, in accordance with the priority tasks of the socio-economic development of our country, to radically revise the meaning of training, to train highly qualified specialists at the level of international standards adopted in order to create the necessary conditions, and on the basis of this decision, large-scale work is being carried out to modernize the higher education system in our country, introduce modern forms and technologies of education, and improve the areas of training specialists.

According to the results of the study by the working group of the situation in the system of higher education, adopted by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. D-4724 dated October 8, 2016, there is still a lack of scientific and pedagogical competence in a number of higher educational institutions, a response to modern requirements for ensuring educational processes of information and methodological and educational literature, a number of shortcomings have been identified, such as lack of support, the need to update their material and the technical base system.

In order to eliminate the above shortcomings, based on the priority tasks of the socio-economic development of the country, in 2017-2021, the “Program for the Comprehensive Development of the Higher Education System” determined measures to train highly educated personnel in accordance with the content standards for a radical restructuring of the content of personnel training.

The effective implementation of these measures requires, first of all, the modernization of the higher education system. Because the current state of development of higher education in our Republic indicates the need to organize the education system at the level of world standards, integrate it into the international education system, organize the system of training at the level of the modern international labor market.

Also, in the presidential decree of February 7, 2017 “On the strategy of actions for the further development of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, a number of tasks for improving the social sphere, in particular the sphere of education and science, are defined. The document provides for the strengthening of the material and technical base of educational institutions, the construction of new educational institutions, the reconstruction and overhaul of existing ones, equipping them with modern educational and laboratory equipment, computers, teaching aids. In 2017-2021, the independence of higher education institutions will gradually develop through the development of a program for radical improvement of the higher education system, further modernization of educational programs, provision of paid services and search for additional sources of funding.

On the basis of the national training program, tasks aimed at updating and deepening the professional knowledge and skills of training and retraining of personnel were carried out. Also, based on the requirements of the time, in order to reform the system of training and retraining of leading and qualified teachers and raise them to a higher level based on pedagogical technologies, the Decree of the First President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 28, 2012 “Training qualified teachers and secondary special, professional solutions dated December 10, 2012 “On measures to further improve the system for providing such personnel to educational institutions” and “On measures to further improve the system of teaching foreign languages”, also in accordance with the national program for training personnel in our country, advanced training and retraining of personnel, system to the level of gradual and consistent implementation.

Along with this, a legal mechanism has been created for improving the qualifications of personnel and retraining them, their knowledge of foreign languages, and the deployment of their activities in cooperation with many countries of the world. Also, according to the Decree of June 28, 2013 "On measures to further improve the system of training of legal personnel", the ongoing democratic and legal reforms in the country are aimed at training highly qualified legal personnel that meet the high requirements of civil society. education and modern international standards.

At the moment, the process of information support of the educational process is developing in our country on the basis of modern information technologies, computerization and computer networks. In particular, the role of mass media in the educational process has increased. Intellectualization of educational programs of television and radio is provided. The publishing base of science and education has been developed, a stable system for providing educational, educational-methodical, scientific, encyclopedic literature and reference literature is being formed.

One of the important directions of the Address of the President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev for 2023 was the educational policy. In his speech, the President said: “Improving the quality of education is the only correct way for the development of New Uzbekistan”. First of all, we will focus on supporting education, which is the biggest investment for New Uzbekistan.

Funds allocated for education in Uzbekistan are increasing every year. In particular, in 2021, it was planned to allocate 2,197 billion soums from the state budget for education, and 168 billion soums for science in order to implement the tasks set in state programs, in particular, to introduce a system of continuous education. and science development programs.. For the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education in 2021, this figure amounted to 2.9 trillion soums, for the Ministry of Public Education - 22.1 trillion soums. This year, the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education will be allocated 4.1 trillion soums, the Ministry of Public Education - 25.8 trillion soums. In 2021, 98 billion soums were allocated to connect schools to the Internet, and 198 billion soums will be spent in 2022.

Regardless of the positions of Uzbekistan in international education rankings, the reforms carried out in the system are positively assessed by international experts. It can be confidently stated that according to the results of the World Bank General Secondary Education Assessment, the quality of education in the country, which ranks 57 out of 174 countries with 474 points, is improving, and the assessment and assessment management system is being implemented at the level of international standards.

The processes of globalization in the world and the current conditions of intense competition between companies require specialists to prepare for this. They not only provide favorable conditions for the development of their ideas and the practical implementation of the created theoretical models, but are also an important intellectual factor in the innovative development of the economy.

In a word, the consistent reforms carried out in the education system of our country are of incomparable importance in preparing young people to be competitive and highly qualified personnel in the labor market, to become specialists capable of great work for the future and perspective, to bring the Uzbek people closer to the peoples world and take a place among the most developed countries.

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